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Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in accordance with its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, has reviewed the Minerals Management Service's Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2007-2012 (CEQ # 20070157).

EPA has no objection to the proposed action (alternative 1) which proposes 20 lease sales in seven of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) planning areas during the period 2007-2012. Based on our review, we believe our previous concerns have been addressed or a commitment has been made to address specific concerns in future site-specific NEPA documents.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review this final EIS and we look forward to working with you in the future on the OCS program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Anne N. Miller", is positioned above the typed name.

Anne Norton Miller
Director
Office of Federal Activities